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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF MEREDITH,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1866.

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REPORT.

Town of Meredith in account with the Selectmen.

By amount in Selectmen's hands, as reported March 1, 1865,	\$1,142.31
By cash received of G. M. Burleigh,	3.54
State Treasurer, railroad tax in 1864,	273.64
Rufus Hammond, for supplies,	27.35
F. F. Hoyt, for taxes abated,	7.84
Town of Tamworth, for supplies furnished E. Berry,	9.00
S. W. Rollins,	22.49
Assessment of State tax,	3,660.00
County,	558.25
School money,	1,126.00
Pauper roads,	50.00
Finishing town office,	25.00
Furnishing town hall with seats,	70.00
Current expenses and per cent,	3,633.42
To pay debts of town,	5,000.00
Dogs,	88.00
Received of State Treasurer, literary fund,	45.40
Savings bank tax,	170.65
Railroad tax, 1865,	409.79
For interest on two State notes,	625.00
State note,	2,400.00
State aid,	2,197.73
of Francis Reed,	150.00
of James H. Plaisted,	125.00
of town of Laconia,	75.80
for use of town hall,	5.00
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	\$21,900.41
Whole amount received by note of town,	14,940.46
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	\$36,840.87

External Poor.

To paid George E. Chase, for Dorcas Paul,	\$6.00
Thomas L. Smith, for Henry Adams place,	36.00
Folsom & Smith, for A. Clark's family,	5.04

Paid Martha A. Glidden, for Prescott girl,	1.00
David F. Corliss, for Mary Marsh,	3.00
Annes C. James, for A. Clark's family,	9.28
Harry Gilman, for Isaac Farrar,	2.00
Samuel P. Sanborn, for B. McCrillis,	6.50
Mrs. Lydia McCrillis, for B. McCrillis,	2.85
G. W. Weeks, for A. Clark's family,	13.24
Moses C. Pease, for David Cram,	6.15
Asylum for the Insane, for David Cram,	139.61
G. W. Curry, for Prescott child,	7.00
R. M. Nichols, for Isaac Farrar,	1.00
W. F. Sanborn, for keeping girl one year,	25.00
G. W. Weeks, for A. Clark's family,	1.32
Mrs. L. M. Smith, for nursing Clark family,	2.50
Mrs. L. M. Smith, for coffin and nursing A. Clark's child,	9.86
T. A. Seavy, for Jethro Pearsons,	2.45
A. C. James, for A. Clark's family,	12.00
J. W. Sanborn, for A. Clark's family,	5.28
Geo. A. Leavitt,	6.00
Mrs. L. M. Smith, for nursing A. Clark's family,	2.50
J. F. Farrar, for Isaac Farrar,	10.00
David Tilton, for sawing wood for Mrs. Prescott (county),	2.50
Geo. A. Leavitt,	13.50
Geo. W. Curry, for keeping Prescott girl,	15.00
Mrs. Hannah Ladd, necessities furnished by Levi Towle,	34.79
Levi Towle, for B. McCrillis,	1.73
" " " Isaac Farrar,	9.17
Town of Laconia, for Mrs. Luther Sanborn in her last sickness,	54.69
A. Burpee, for Jethro Pearsons,	3.93
Reform School, Manchester, for Lovina Sanborn,	13.71
B. D. Plaisted, for Mrs. Mary Prescott (county),	13.29
" " " Jonathan P. Jenness,	12.67
" " " Isaac Farrar,	1.50
W. T. Elliott, for John B. Swain,	28.00
" " " I. Farrar and others,	22.26
Dr. George Sanborn, for external poor,	49.75
" " " Mrs. Mary Prescott,	22.25
Samuel T. Cram, for Isaac Farrar,	2.00
John S. Perkins, for B. McCrillis,	.75
J. W. Lang, for John R. Tilton and Isaac Farrar,	12.98
John K. Clough, meat for Mary Prescott (county),	4.61
A. Burpee, for Jethro Pearsons,	1.62

Paid John Piper, for transient man,	1.50
Moses C. Pease, for care of David Cram,	10.00
J. H. Prescott, for B. McCrillis,	2.75
Ebenezer Stevens, for Isaac Farrar,	4.50
Dr. John H. Sanborn, for B. McCrillis,	12.00
“ “ “ Plummer Chase,	1.25
Betsey Curry, for Prescott child, to July 8, 1866,	8.00
Dr. D. S. Prescott, for doctoring J. Paul, last sickness,	4.25
Dr. Robert E. Merrill, for Dorcas Paul,	3.50
Upper Gilmanton, supplies for Jacob Paul,	29.20
John W. Bedee, for Mrs. Mary Prescott (county),	151.89
“ “ “ Orren Jenness' child,	2.50
“ “ “ supplies, B. McCrillis,	13.95
“ “ “ Isaac Farrar,	9.45
“ “ “ supplies, N. Boynton,	10.46
“ “ “ Jonathan P. Jenness,	1.00
Levi Towle, supplies for Mrs. Prescott,	1.85
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	\$903.33

NOTE. The report shows that our external poor bills are larger than usual. But when we look over the list of those assisted, we shall see that there are some extraordinary cases. For instance: David Cram, Jacob Paul, and Anthony Clark's child, all of whom are dead, and Mrs. Mary Prescott (county). The amount paid out for the above named, amounts to about \$400. The negro family which belonged to the old town of Meredith, has been divided by Meredith and Laconia.

For Schools.

Paid Daniel Wiggin, Districts No. 1 and 2 united,	\$77.00
B. B. Rollins, District No. 3,	80.59
D. F. Norris, 4,	105.43
John Smith, jr., 5,	350.59
Ebenezer H. Smith, 6,	84.89
Lowell Cawley, 7,	53.99
E. T. Blake, 8,	88.15
John S. Sanborn, 9,	55.08
E. S. Robinson, 10,	58.16
L. D. Dolloff, 11,	50.05
Philip Clough, 12,	70.45
Daniel S. Ranlet, 13,	39.93
Daniel M. Dearborn, 14,	28.08
John C. Fox, 15,	50.27

Paid Ira E. Gordon, District No. 16,	35.96
Daniel T. Fox, 17,	49.46
B. C. Batchelder, 20, Sanbornton,	4.02
John B. Dow, Center-Harbor,	49.00
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	\$1,331.10

General Expenditures.

Paid Charles P. Towle, auditor,	\$2.50
Daniel S. Blaisdell, S. S. Committee, 1864,	23.00
G. W. Smith, bill of abatements,	6.24
" " collecting taxes, 1864,	65.00
H. S. Swain, bill for surveying,	1.00
Ebenezer Stevens, bill for expenses from 1st to 15th March, 1865,	10.10
Ebenezer Stevens, bill for selectmen, from 1st to 15th March, 1865,	30.00
N. Jackson, for damage done to a horse in 1865,	50.00
N. Maloon, bill for labor in 1861,	4.00
" " finishing office,	30.00
G. H. Clark, bill for planing boards,	2.54
W. H. H. Fernald, bill for error on order, 1862,	12.00
P. C. Bickford, bill for board of selectmen,	42.46
Francis Reed, bill for expenses to Concord,	5.80
Benjamin S. Tuttle, bill for work on town house,	11.62
B. C. Tuttle, for work on town house,	2.25
J. B. Batchelder, for publishing notice,	1.25
John H. Clough, for care of town house,	2.00
James H. Plaisted, for services filling quota from Aug. 15 to Sept. 7, 1864,	118.00
Levi Towle, for one cord of wood for David Til- ton, March, 1865,	5.00
Levi Towle, for one cord of wood at town house, March, 1865,	5.00
Levi Towle, for wood at town house, in Dec., 1865,	3.50
John Dearborn, for watering trough, from Dec. 1, 1864, to Dec. 1, 1865,	2.00
Isaiah Winch, for rent of Adams place,	36.00
David Corliss, jr., for trucking,	3.97
" " " repairing door handle,	.25
N. Maloon, for work on town house,	3.00
State tax,	3,660.00
George M. Burleigh, for stationery, &c.,	10.26
J. W. Lang,	4.97
J. G. Chapman, bill for policeman in 1862,	6.00

Paid Daniel S. Blaisdell, bill S. S. Committee in 1865,	30.00
Levi Leach, bill for services as town clerk,	50.00
T. S. Moses,	5.14
John Mudgett,	.30
McFarland & Jenks, for printing report of 1864,	50.00
Ephraim Berry,	.50
John W. Bedee, for town house,	6.75
Charles Burnham, bill S. S. Committee for 1865,	40.00
S. W. Rollins, for legal advice in 1864-65,	9.00
Lorenzo Dolloff, for watering trough,	2.00
County tax,	558.25
D. S. Bedee, for team,	3.00
G. W. Smith, bill of abatements, 1864,	69.53
Daniel P. Smith's bill of abatements, 1865,	42.25
Dudley F. Norris's bill of abatements, 1865,	129.35
John Smith, 2d, bill of expenses while on town business,	8.75
John Smith, 2d, bill for car fare,	12.45
“ bill for services as selectman,	110.00
Levi Towle, bill for services as selectman,	104.00
“ bill for horse and carriage,	12.00
“ for car fare, stamps, &c.,	8.50
Wamesit Engine Co., for 34 members,	170.00
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	\$5,581.48

Notes Paid.

Amount of notes against the town paid,	\$22,385.06
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Roads and Bridges.

To paid J. W. Robinson, for work on Hanson road and breaking same in 1864-5,	\$38.20
James L. Huntress, bill for breaking roads in 1864-5,	7.15
David P. Hatch, for breaking road in 1865,	1.50
Thomas J. Sinclair, for work on new road,	3.00
Levi Towle, for cash paid out and breaking new road,	5.73
James C. Wadleigh, for breaking road in 1865,	9.40
James C. Wadleigh, for work on turnpike road,	39.31
John Piper, for work on new road,	3.15
Thomas L. Smith, work on pauper road,	6.21
Rufus Clark, for breaking road in 1864-5,	4.65
Dolloff & Kimball, for work on Hatch road,	3.50
John S. Dolloff, for work on highway, and plank furnished,	21.18
Thomas L. Smith, for work on pauper road and stone for three culverts,	13.00
John Webster, for breaking pauper road,	4.60

Paid Thomas D. Veasey, for stone for culvert,	1.25
N. B. Wadleigh, for plank and timber,	134.91
Daniel R. Caverly, for work on road,	3.00
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	\$299.74

Town Farm.

To paid Farnald & Maloon, for blacksmith work,	\$1.43
J. W. Lang, for town farm supplies,	60.84
J. H. Prescott & Co., for town farm,	28.81
Warren Sanborn, for services at town farm,	265.00
John W. Bedee, for town farm,	1.76
Benjamin Quimby, for pasturing cattle,	8.00

Overseers' Report of Affairs at the Alms House, Feb. 24, 1866.

INVOICE OF PROPERTY.

One pair of oxen, 210.00; 4 cows, 200.00;	\$410.00
Two one year old steers,	35.00
One two years old heifer,	30.00
6 tons hay,	100.00
58 bushels oats,	38.00
40 bushels corn,	50.00
4 bushels beans, 11.00; 1 shote, 20.00;	31.00
27 cords wood,	68.00
96 lbs. ham, 20.00; 400 lbs. pork, 80.00;	100.00
80 bushels potatoes,	32.00
200 lbs. beef, 24.00; 6 lbs. tallow, 1.00;	25.00
55 lbs. lard, 14.00; 40 lbs. butter, and pots, 15.00;	29.00
20 gallons vinegar and casks,	6.00
50 gallons soap and 6 casks,	12.00
100 lbs. cheese,	15.00
18 lbs. dried apple,	2.70
Farming tools,	50.00
9 beds and house furniture,	118.00
Carpenter's tools,	23.00
Lot of lumber,	8.00

Amount of invoice, as appraised Feb. 24, 1866,	\$1,182.70
Amount of invoice, as appraised Feb. 24, 1865,	1,166.00

Balance in favor of the farm,	\$16.70
Expenses at the farm, from March 1, 1865, to March 1, 1866,	690.18
Interest on farm,	120.00

\$810.18

Whole amount of receipts at farm from March 1,
 1865, to March 1, 1866, 331.45
 Add to this balance of invoice, am't of income on farm, 16.70

 \$348.15
 Deduct this amount from the amount of expense,
 and it leaves the total expense of paupers at the
 farm from March 1, 1865, to March 1, 1866, 462.03
 Average number of paupers at the farm for the year, 8; ex-
 pense of each, \$57.75.

Names and Ages of Persons at Poor Farm.

MALES.	AGES.	FEMALES.	AGES.
Smith Leavitt,	71	Rhoda Farrar,	67
John Sanborn,	50	Julia Pearsons,	57
John Batchelder,	57	Emma Prescott,	9
George Prescott,	14		
John Prescott,	4		

JOHN SMITH, 2d, }
 LEVI TOWLE, } *Overseers of the Poor.*

Recapitulation.

CR. By whole amount of receipts, \$36,840.87
 DR. To whole amount paid as follows :
 For schools, \$1,331.10
 Notes against the town, 22,385.06
 External poor, 903.33
 General expenses, 5,581.48
 Roads and bridges, 299.74
 Town farm, 365.84
 State aid, from March 1 to
 Sept. 1, 1865, 637.49
 Whole amount paid out, \$31,504.04
 Which being deducted from the amount they
 charge themselves with, leaves a balance in
 the hands of the selectmen of \$5,336.83
 Which is made up of cash, State note of
 \$2,000, and what remains due on collector's
 lists in 1865.

Having examined the accounts of the selectmen, we find
 them correctly cast and well vouched.

GEORGE G. HOYT, }
 JAMES M. BEDEE, } *Auditors..*

The Financial Affairs are as follows :

LIABILITIES.

Amount due on notes given for town bounties in 1862,	\$1,200.00
Amount due on notes against the town, previous to 1863,	2,321.00
Amount of notes given in 1863, not paid, and interest estimated,	13,805.00
Amount of notes not paid, given in 1864, interest estimated,	23,130.00
Amount received by note in 1865,	14,940.46
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	\$55,396.46

In addition to the above we think there are no outstanding bills against the town that will exceed \$50, and we have claims against other towns and the county, to the amount of about \$250.

ASSETS.

Balance in selectmen's hands of cash and State note of \$2000, and due on collector's lists of 1865,	\$5,336.83
Due from State for State aid,	380.66
Due from United States, for bounties of volunteers,	5,800.00
Due from State for bounties by note,	5,700.00
Showing a balance against the town of	<hr/>
	\$38,178.97

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN SMITH, 2d, } *Selectmen of*
 LEVI TOWLE, } *Meredith.*

LIQUOR AGENT'S REPORT.

Town of Meredith, in account with George M. Burleigh, liquor agent, from March 1, 1865, to March 1, 1866.

DR. To liquors and freight,	\$514.35	
services as agent,	50.00	
United States tax,	25.00	
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CR. By sales of liquor and barrels,	\$587.24	
cash paid selectmen,	2.11	
	<hr/>	\$589.35

GEO. M. BURLEIGH, *Town Agent.*

SCHOOL REPORT.

The Superintending School Committee of Meredith would respectfully submit the following report :

The public schools of the town, the past year, have generally been prosperous. If we take into account the unfitness of a majority of the school-houses for the purposes to which they are devoted, we shall have little reason to wonder or complain that our schools are not better. One teacher only has wholly failed, while a majority have done exceedingly well, and a few only have failed in some single point, or rather have been deficient. Some will be excellent as *teachers*, but fail in the good and efficient government of the school. Your Committee greatly regret the lack of apparatus in our schools for the illustration and clear explanation of some of the branches taught. If the different districts would tax themselves from five to ten dollars a year, for several years, for the purpose of procuring some of the more common but cheap apparatus, the schools would immediately feel the benefit of it; and the only regret any one would feel would be that they had so long neglected so important a matter. The State Board of Education recommend the amendment of the school laws, so that districts may devote a small per centum of their money to this very object, and its importance cannot well be over-estimated. Districts should be careful in the choice of the Prudential Committee. The man who takes the deepest interest in the school, and is willing to make *some sacrifice to promote its good*, is ordinarily the man for that position. Prudential Committees are sometimes negligent about giving notice to the Superintending Committee of the commencement and length of the schools. The law in relation to this point should be rigidly enforced.

DISTRICT No. 1,

On Bear Island, has so few scholars that it was inexpedient to have a school, and in consequence it is united with District No. 2.

DISTRICT No. 2.

The summer term of this school was taught by Miss Ellen A. Lovejoy, of that district. It was her first school, and she acquitted herself with honor to herself, and to the acceptance of the district.

The order and discipline of the school were good, and the progress of the scholars very commendable. Miss Lovejoy bids fair to make a superior teacher. To the great credit of this teacher, it should be said she is a *graduate* of the school she taught. The number of scholars during the summer term was fifteen, and the average attendance within a small fraction of fourteen,—an uncommonly large average.

The winter term was taught by Miss Vena D. Sanborn, of Gilford. She is an experienced, thorough, and very successful teacher. So far as order and thoroughness in the school-room are concerned, it was all that could be desired. This school is advancing and taking a higher and better stand, *much better* than heretofore. There were twenty-one during the winter term, and the average attendance, nineteen. This fact speaks well for the school and the teacher.

DISTRICT No. 3.

The summer term of this school was taught by Miss Mary F. Tuttle, of Meredith. She is an experienced teacher, has done herself credit, and satisfied the expectations of her employers. The school was orderly, and well managed. There were twenty-four scholars in attendance, and seven of these, according to the Register, did not whisper during the term, and eight others whispered but once. This certainly speaks well for the school. The average attendance was twenty-one. The school closed very abruptly, and your committee was not notified, and consequently visited the school but once.

The winter term was taught by Mr. Fred M. Wadleigh, of Meredith. The order was good, and the progress of the scholars very marked. Your committee was well pleased with the appearance of the school. The teacher showed himself well fitted for his position, and there is no reason apparent why he may not become a teacher of the first class. The whole number of scholars in attendance, twenty-six. Average attendance, twenty-one and a half.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Both terms of this school were taught by Miss Ellen S. Bartlett, of Campton. Miss Bartlett has had much experience as a teacher, and has been remarkably successful. The scholars appeared well in their recitations, for the most part, and showed that they had applied themselves to their studies. The order and discipline of the school was, perhaps, above the average, but it was a little below its usually high standard. There were thirty-two scholars in attendance during the summer term, and the average attendance was twenty-eight. In the winter term there were thirty-five scholars. Average attendance, 30. Length of schools—summer term, nine weeks; winter term, ten weeks.

DISTRICT No. 5.

This school has two department, the Advanced and the Primary. The summer term of eleven weeks, in the Advanced department, was taught by Miss Hannah F. Moore, of Lake Village. Miss Moore is a superior teacher, and if she should make teaching her business she would, I am confident, establish a very enviable reputation. Her ideal of what a school ought to be is elevated, and she tries to realize her ideal. Under her management the order and discipline of the school was much improved, and the scholars became more self-reliant. The number of scholars in attendance was forty one; the average attendance twenty-nine. This is, I think, a better average than usual for this school, but it is by no means what it should be.

The winter term, of eight weeks, of the Advanced department was taught by J. Sinclair Bean, of Rochester. Mr. Bean has had some experience as a teacher, has a good understanding of what a school should be, is thorough in his methods of instruction, and he succeeded to a remarkable degree in securing the confidence of his pupils,—and this is one very important element of success. The discipline of the school was not up to the standard I should wish to see it. Number of scholars in attendance, forty-four; average attendance, a fraction over thirty-eight. This is better than usual in this school.

Both terms of the Primary department were taught by Miss Jennie L. Gilman, of Sandwich. She has taught for a number of years, and understands her business well, but her government is too lax; she needs to hold the reins with a firmer hand. We do not expect to see the same order in a primary school that we should in one more advanced, nor is it advisable there should be. During the summer term there were fifty scholars in attendance, and thirty-two was the average. During the winter term there were forty-six scholars, and forty the average.

Full justice cannot be done to this district without saying that one private school has been kept up during the year, and has been as successful, at least, as our schools will average. The teachers have been competent and efficient. Beside this, Miss Jennie L. Gilman taught a short term in the spring, and the Rev. Mr. Smith taught one term, in the fall. His school was very large and successful. This district pays as much, and probably more, for private schools than is expended for the public schools. The great need of the district is a good school-house, with all the modern appliances and conveniences, and then, with the same expense, or a trifle more, we could have a graded school the whole year. The district is doing itself great discredit by not having a suitable house, and is inflicting a serious injury upon the youth and children of the district.

DISTRICT No. 6.

The Summer term of this school was taught by Miss Fannie M. Beacham, of Ossipee. She has had considerable experience as a teacher, understands her duties well and performs them with fidelity. The school was small, and this, on many accounts, was favorable, as the teacher could devote more time to each scholar and class than could be done in a large school. The order was good, and the progress of the scholars very marked. The number of scholars in attendance, thirteen; average attendance, twelve.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Lydia R. Farnum, of Concord. This was her first attempt to teach a common school. She has been an assistant teacher in an academy. She acquitted herself with great credit, and is a first-class teacher. Her school seemed to be governed by the law of love. The teacher loved the school, and the scholars respected and honored the teacher. This made it pleasant for both teacher and scholars. The examination of the school was highly satisfactory to the committee and others who were present. The number of scholars during the term was twenty-three; average attendance, eighteen.

A private school is now in progress in this district, under the instruction of Miss Farnum.

DISTRICT No. 7.

This is a union district, partly in Laconia and partly in Meredith. The Summer term was visited by the committee from Laconia. The Winter term was taught by Mr. Frank Cawley, of that district.

Order medium, progress fair. Quite a number of scholars were absent at the closing examination. Would it not be advisable to have a full attendance at all examinations?

DISTRICT No. 8.

The Summer term of this school was taught by Miss Annie E. Batchelder, of Meredith. She is a young teacher with but little experience, but anxious to do her whole duty, and determined to put the best foot forward. She took unwearied pains to advance her scholars in their studies, and succeeded well. I was pleased with her school. The whole number of scholars was thirty-six; average attendance, twenty-five and a fraction.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Eunice W. Shapleigh, of New-Hampton. She has had some experience as a teacher, and has usually been successful. I think she gave very general satisfaction to her employers. The order and discipline of the school were not so good as would be desirable for the greatest benefit of the scholars. The whole number of scholars was thirty-seven; average attendance, twenty-eight and a fraction.

DISTRICT No. 9.

This school was taught by Miss Mary C. Robinson, of Laconia. Teacher characterized by cheerfulness and zeal in her work. Progress good. Order medium. Miss R. bids fair to become a successful teacher.

DISTRICT No. 10.

This school was taught by Miss Mary F. Tuttle. It met with good success. Order and progress of the school were commendable. The kind and amiable disposition of the teacher won the affections of the scholars, thereby making this a pleasant and profitable school. We recommend Miss T. very highly as a teacher.

DISTRICT No. 11.

This school was taught by Miss Jennie B. Dolloff, of that district. The teacher labored hard to benefit her pupils and make her school what it ought to be—a good school; and the scholars made very good progress. Perhaps there was a little want of government.

DISTRICT No. 12.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Lydia A. Sanborn, of that district. This was Miss Sanborn's first attempt at teaching, and she succeeded in this first-rate. Her government was of the first class, and those scholars who attended regularly made good improvement.

The Winter term was commenced by Mrs. Martha C. Avery, who, after keeping three weeks, left, by reason of dissatisfaction in the district. It is not Mrs. Avery's calling to be a teacher.

Miss Narcissa Dearborn finished the term to good acceptance.

DISTRICT No. 13.

This school was commenced by Miss Laura A. Eaton, of Center-Harbor, who was under the necessity of leaving soon after commencement, on account of ill-health,—Miss Alice M. Avery taking charge. The scholars of this school seemed to try very hard for themselves, and, by the aid of their excellent teacher, they made fine progress.

DISTRICT No. 14.

This is a union district, and reports to New-Hampton the present year.

DISTRICT No. 15.

This district had two short terms. The Summer term was taught by Miss Georgie Perley. The teacher manifested a good degree of interest in her work, and the scholars made very good improvement.

The Fall term was kept by Miss Sarah T. Tilton, of Sanbornton.

Perhaps this school might have done better. The teacher appeared to be anxious to do her duty, but failed somewhat, owing, probably, to her inexperience. We presume, however, that Miss T. will become a successful teacher. She is a good scholar.

DISTRICT No. 16.

This school was taught by Miss Sarah E. Woodman, of Sanborn-ton. Miss Woodman taught here last winter. She needs no praise from me. Her works praise her. This school has enjoyed prosperity under her faithful instructions.

DISTRICT No. 17.

This school was taught by Miss Elena L. Gordon, of Meredith. The committee at each visit were very much pleased with this school. Order excellent. The object of the teacher seemed to be not so much to see how many pages the scholars could go over, as to see how thorough they could go. Miss G. is a good teacher, and we would advise the district to engage her the coming Fall.

DISTRICT No. 20.

This is a union district, made up of a portion of Meredith, Center-Harbor and Moultonborough, and reports to one of the other towns the present year.

CHARLES BURNHAM,
DANIEL S. BLAISDELL.

Meredith, February 24, 1866.